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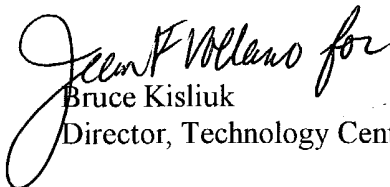
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed June 8, 2004, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on a timely response to the Office Action of October 20, 2003 and a reinstatement of the Appeal Brief.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on October 20, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on May 5, 2004. Applicants state that there was a timely response, which included a Supplemental Appeal Brief, filed on April 20, 2004 with a three month extension of time. The response and extension of time, which was timely, had been entered in the palm data base before the abandonment.

The petition is **GRANTED** to withdraw the holding of abandonment and to reinstate the Supplemental Reply Brief.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for preparation of the Examiner's Answer or other appropriate action.**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact Jean F. Vollano, by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at 571-272-0648 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.

  
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